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SUBJECT: RESUMED GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL
TRADE CENTER (ITC) BUDGET, JUNE 6

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1. GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE MET AGAIN JUNE 6 TO FINISH CONSIDERA-
TION OF PROPOSED ITC BUDGET FOR 1978-79. FRG AND FRANCE SUP-
PORTED BUDGET BUT ALSO SUPPORTED UN SYG'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE
PROPOSED NEW P-4 POSTS BY ONE, IN ORDER TO COME CLOSER TO UN
GUIDELINES ON REAL BUDGET GROWTH. OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY ITC, EX-
CEPT FOR CANADA, WHICH, WHILE SUPPORTING BUDGET ON MERITS,
NOTED THAT SINCE DOCUMENTATION NOT YET REVIEWED IN OTTAWA,
CANADIAN SUPPORT IN NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS COULD NOT BE ASSURED.
USDEL SUPPORTED BUDGET, BUT SUGGESTED THAT ITC DIRECTOR FIND SOME
OTHER ECONOMIES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE SO AS TO ALLOW ALL NEW
PROPOSED POSTS WHICH IN DIRECTOR'S VIEW WERE OF HIGH PRIORITY
TO REMAIN IN BUDGET, WHILE STILL KEEPING OVERALL BUDGET GROWTH
CLOSE TO UN GUIDELINES.

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2. ITC DIRECTOR THEN PROPOSED CUTTING PRINTING OCSTS
FOR BIENNIUM BY \$45,000 (OR ABOUT 15 PERCENT) BY REDUC-
ING THE LENGTH OF DOCUMENTS AND THE PRESS RUNS IN THE
VARIOUS LANGUAGES. THIS WOULD ROUGHLY EQUAL BUDGETED
COST (\$44,000) FOR THE ADDITIONAL P-4 POSITION, AND
BRING REAL GROWTH DOWN TO 3.3 PERCENT.

3. ON BASIS OF FOREGOING PROPOSAL, COMMITTEE AGREED ON FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN ITS REPORT: "THERE WAS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE DIRECTOR'S VIEW THAT THE CREATION OF THE NEW POSTS REQUESTED WARRANTED PRIORITY, AND THE COMMITTEE WAS THEREFORE, FOR ITS PART, PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN THE ALLOCATION FOR PRINTING AS A MEANS FOR STILL BRINGING THE RATE OF BUDGET INCREASE CLOSE TO THE GUIDELINES REFERRED TO."

4. BUDGET COMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL THAT THE ITC ENTER INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH FIPOI (A SWISS GOVERNMENT AGENCY) ON A LONG-TERM LEASE FOR MORE SUITABLE QUARTERS, AND RELINQUISH THE THREE LOCATIONS IN WHICH IT IS NOW HOUSED.

3. THE GATT SECRETARIAT PROMISED TO FURNISH US THE BUDGET ESTIMATES REQUESTED PARA 2, REF A) IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WE WILL FORWARD THEM AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED. SORENSON

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